

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An enterprise application (EA) comprising:  
~~a BaseObject, said BaseObject to include base data from a set of one or more external applications, said base data describing said set of one or more external applications;~~  
a first variant, wherein the first variant comprises a collection of a plurality of BaseObjects, wherein a BaseObject is a persistent EA object~~said variant inherits from said BaseObject, said variant having a shape, said shape to include a set of one or more extrinsic attributes describing said external application; and~~  
a second variant, wherein the second variant comprises a collection of BaseObjects representing the differences from the first variant required to integrate the EA with a first external application~~a partition, said partition to provide content to said shape of said variant, said content to include data from said one or more external applications.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 where said first and second variants inherit~~[[s]]~~ attributes and behavior from said BaseObjects.
3. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 where said second variant includes ~~a set of one or more of said partitions, a partition to provide content to said shape of said variant, said content to include data from the first external application.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 where said partition ~~has~~ is related to only one variant.
5. (Original) The enterprise application of claim 1 further comprising:  
a context, said context includes a user specific information, said context used to  
determine which variant said user may access.
6. (Original) The enterprise application of claim 5 where said user specific information  
includes a username and a login token.
7. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said first and second ~~two or more~~ variants may be accessed simultaneously.
8. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said first external  
application is a ERP.
9. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said first external  
application includes a SAP ERP, a PeopleSoft ERP, and an Oracle ERP.
10. (Original) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said variants are defined  
using XML.
11. (Currently Amended) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said variants  
use[[s]] two-dimensional inheritance.
12. (Original) The enterprise application of claim 1 further comprising:  
a cluster, said cluster includes a set of one or more BaseObjects.

13. (Original) The enterprise application of claim 1 wherein said enterprise application is a multi-organization resource management system.
14. (Withdrawn) A method of providing multi-organization resource management comprising:
  - importing data from a set of one or more external applications;
  - generating a purchase requisition from resource data from said set of one or more external applications;
  - determining whether to approve said purchase requisition;
  - validating a purchase order for said set of one or more external applications;
  - converting said purchase requisition to said purchase order; and
  - exporting said purchase order to said set of one or more external applications.
15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein said imported data is stored in a set of one or more partitions having a shape defined by a set of one or more variants.
16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein one of said set of one or more partitions is associated to only one of said set of one or more variant.
17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein said variant is associated to said set one or more partitions.
18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein said importing data further comprising:
  - accessing said one or more external applications simultaneously.
19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein said external applications include ERPs.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein said external applications include a SAP ERP, a PeopleSoft ERP, and an Oracle ERP.
21. (Withdrawn) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform operations comprising:  
importing data from a set of one or more external applications;  
generating a purchase requisition from resource data from said set of one or more external applications;  
determining whether to approve said purchase requisition;  
validating a purchase order for said set of one or more external applications;  
converting said purchase requisition to said purchase order; and  
exporting said purchase order to said set of one or more external applications.
22. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 21 wherein said imported data is stored in a set of one or more partitions having a shape defined by a set of one or more variants.
23. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 22 wherein one of said set of one or more partitions is associated to only one of said set of one or more variant.
24. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 22 wherein said variant is associated to said set one or more partitions.
25. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 21 wherein said importing data further comprising:  
accessing said one or more external applications simultaneously.

26. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 21 wherein said external applications include ERPs.
27. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 21 wherein said external applications include a SAP ERP, a PeopleSoft ERP, and an Oracle ERP.
28. A method of providing a multi-organization resource management comprising:  
receiving external application data from a set of one or more external applications;  
and  
storing said external application data to a set of one or more partitions having the  
shape of a set of one or more variants.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said imported data is stored in a set of  
one or more partitions having a shape defined by a set of one or more variants.
30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein one of said set of one or more  
partitions is associated to only one of said set of one or more variant.
31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said external applications are accessed  
simultaneously.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said external applications include  
ERPs.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said external applications include a  
SAP ERP, a PeopleSoft ERP, and an Oracle ERP.

34. (Withdrawn) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform operations comprising:  
receiving external application data from a set of one or more external applications;  
and  
storing said external application data to a set of one or more partitions having the shape of a set of one or more variants.
35. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 34 wherein said imported data is stored in a set of one or more partitions having a shape defined by a set of one or more variants.
36. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 34 wherein one of said set of one or more partitions is associated to only one of said set of one or more variant.
37. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 34 wherein said external applications are accessed simultaneously.
38. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 34 wherein said external applications include ERPs.
39. (Withdrawn) The machine-readable medium of claim 34 wherein said external applications include a SAP ERP, a PeopleSoft ERP, and an Oracle ERP.
40. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a multi-organization resource management comprising:

generating a first variant for a first external application instance, said first variant includes first external application instance data;  
generating a second variant for a second external application instance, said second variant includes second external application instance data; and  
accessing said first and second variants to access first external application data and said second external application data simultaneously from said first external application instance and said second external application instance.

41. (New) The enterprise application of claim 3, wherein the partitions store data from the external application.
42. (New) The enterprise application of claim 1, further comprising:  
a third variant, wherein the third variant is a collection of BaseObjects representing the differences from the first variant required to integrate the EA with a second external application.
43. (New) The enterprise application of claim 42, wherein the second and third variants are used simultaneously to access data associated with the first external application and data associated with the second external application